Math 590: Current Mathematics Seminar (CMS), Spring 2019

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Meeting: Thursday 2:30 - 3:30, HBH 227

Course Description

CMS is directly connected with the department colloquium, which takes place on Thursdays, at 4PM. Graduate student speakers will be asked to prepare a basic introduction to the topic that will be covered in the colloquium following the CMS meeting. Each student, except for first year students, will give a 50 minute lecture on a topic in mathematics over the course of the year. First year students are not required but may present either a 25 minute or 50 minute presentation if they would like to.

Topics

The content of the lectures will be assigned by the instructors. It will be related to the colloquium following the CMS meeting. Two weeks before you are due to speak, the instructors will recommend a source/text relevant to the topic, and faculty in the department that you can discuss it with. The speaker should make sure that the talk is understandable to the audience with arbitrary backgrounds.

Grading

The grade will be determined by effort. This includes effort put into your talk as well as attending on time, paying attention and asking questions. Concretely, your grade will be lowered by 1/3 of a letter grade for each unexcused absence and for every two unexcused latenesses. You have to send us emails in advance and tell us your reason if you cannot avoid missing it.

Expectations

It is expected that you attend every meeting and arrive on time. It is your responsibility to keep informed of any announcements, or policy changes made during scheduled classes.

Disability Support

Any student with a documented disability seeking academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with one of the instructors during the first two weeks of class. All such discussions will remain as confidential as possible. Students with disabilities will also need to contact Disability Support Services in the Allen Center.